

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1907.

WELLS GETS HOMESTEAD

HE AND COX HAVE BOTH BEEN LIVING ON IT.

COX IS NOW SUING GARFIELD

Long Litigation Over a Homestead Near Gross Has Been Ended by Supreme Court Decision—Cox Has Been Ousted From the Claim.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 23.—Special to The News: L. Wells of Gross, Neb., was in Bonesteel this week and announced an interesting homestead decision recently made in his favor at Lincoln by the supreme court of Nebraska. About five years ago Mr. Wells contested a homestead which was being held by P. G. Cox, who holds from Knox county. Mr. Wells based his contest on the fact that Mr. Cox already owned a half section of land and was therefore not entitled to a homestead, and during all the years that the matter has been in controversy both he and Mr. Cox have maintained their residence upon it. Mr. Wells finally won the contest but Mr. Cox refused to give up possession of the land which in the meantime had become very valuable. Mr. Wells applied to the district court and secured a writ of ouster, whereupon Mr. Cox appealed to the supreme court, which has just affirmed the lower court, which apparently will give Mr. Wells possession of the land at last. But in the meantime Mr. Cox has sued Secretary Garfield of the department of the interior for having refused him a rehearing on the original contest.

Death of Martia Mogan.

Lindsay, Neb., May 23.—Special to The News: Martia Mogan died yesterday from a complication of diseases. He was fifty-five years old. Sunday he was up and about and Monday he suffered from a fainting spell from which he could not rally. He was one of the influential men of the town and a member of the town board elected this spring. He came here when the town was young and had followed several lines of business, being in the real estate business at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and son to mourn his loss, his son being called home from Creighton university.

BONESTEEL MEMORIAL DAY PLAN

Cowboy Band Will Give Concert, Then Leave For Show.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 23.—Special to The News: An unusually strong program has been arranged for Decoration day in Bonesteel, the entire talent of the town doing their best to do honor to the soldier dead. The Cowboy band, which has signed with the Parker Amusement company for the season, and which was to leave Bonesteel May 20, made special arrangements enabling them to stay at home until after Decoration day to the great gratification of all citizens. In the evening the band will give their farewell concert and have arranged a very heavy program for the occasion.

BUSES REVIVED AT BONESTEEL

After a Lapse, Hotels There Will Again Put on Free Conveyances.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 23.—Special to The News: A short time ago the Bonesteel hotel proprietors entered into an agreement to stop running free busses to and from trains. They did so and since then there has been one bus only, which was an independent enterprise, charged passengers the usual fare and was supposed to treat all the hotels with equal impartiality. However, this week Landlord Dowling of the Tremont again started his free bus, claiming that he had not been getting a square deal from the independent bus. It is presumed that the other hotels will follow suit and there will hereafter be three free busses at the depot, as was the case before the other arrangement went into effect.

BONESTEEL RIP-RAP STATION

Rock is Placed There to Handle Possible Washouts on Line.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 23.—Special to The News: Most of the citizens of Bonesteel never heard of a "rip-rap station" until officially notified by the railroaders that that is what Bonesteel will be henceforth. Ten carloads of rock were unloaded here this week and will be stored here to be used in case of emergency to protect the railroad grade in cases of washout on this line.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT ON WOMAN

Unknown Man Attacks Wife of Farmer and She May Die.

McCook, Neb., May 23.—An unknown man made a murderous assault on Mrs. Claude Spaulding, wife of a young farmer. No one was at home at the time but the three-year-old daughter of the woman. The room in which the crime was committed bore every sign of a desperate struggle, the assailant using a large steel wedge and a hammer. The woman's skull was fractured and other terrible wounds were caused about the head. She has not regained consciousness and the probabilities of her recovery are regarded as small.

INCREASE LICENSE AT FAIRFAX

Town Board Will Hereafter Publish Its Proceedings.

Fairfax, S. D., May 23.—Special to The News: The city council met and raised the town license on saloons from \$200 to \$600. This makes \$1,025—town \$600, county \$400 and government \$25.

In accordance with the new law the number of saloons was reduced from four to two, effective July 1.

The Fairfax Advertiser published its proceedings and the people are glad of the new plan.

DATE OF HUNTLEY OPENING

Twenty-Sixth of June Time Set for Opening of Irrigated Land.

Omaha, May 23.—June 26 is the date set for the opening of the Huntley land project in Montana for settlement. This is the most important of all the government openings to date, as the land is in the most finished state. Settlers lucky enough to draw in this opening will receive either forty or eighty acres of land all ready for cultivation, with the water at the very gates and ready to turn on for irrigation. The project comprises 33,000 acres, on which the government has expended over \$1,000,000 to put it in a state of readiness not heretofore reached on any other project. The townsites are all ready for settlement and have electrical power and telephones all ready to install. The registration probably will begin two or three days in advance of the opening.

Pettigrew and Williams Visit Bryan. Lincoln, May 23.—George Fred Williams of Massachusetts and Senator Pettigrew and wife of South Dakota are guests of William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan says the visits are purely social and not of any political significance.

More Cars Running at 'Risco.

San Francisco, May 23.—More street cars were run on the tracks of the United Railroads than on any day since the carmen's strike began. Three additional lines, those running on Polk and Larkin, Polson and Bryant streets were operated. No serious trouble has been reported.

OIL HEARING AT ST. PAUL

Government Case Against Standard Comes Up Tomorrow.

St. Paul, May 23.—Milton D. Purdy of Washington, assistant attorney of the United States, arrived in St. Paul to assist in the prosecution of the government case against the Standard Oil company, which is to come before the United States circuit court tomorrow.

"The purpose is to show," he said, "the intimate relations between John D. Rockefeller and members of his family, H. H. Rogers and Henry Flagler, allied oil companies and organizations; to divulge the methods they have pursued; to trace the close connection through a score of companies organized under various names, and to show such a control of these subsidiary companies by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey as to give the holding company a monopoly of the oil business throughout the United States in restraint of trade and in violation of law."

The hearing will be before the full bench, Judges Sanborn, Vandeventer, Hook and Adams.

HOLD FLAGMAN RESPONSIBLE

Motormen in Coney Island Wreck Declare Each Had Right-of-Way Signal.

New York, May 23.—Of fifty persons injured in the traction smashup near Coney Island, three are possibly fatally hurt.

An "L" train, bound for New York, struck a trolley car, forcing it against a steel post on which trolley wires are suspended and the post cut through the car like a knife. The passengers were overwhelmed in the wreckage and firemen who were called had to use axes in cutting away the shattered woodwork to release the injured. A flagman is blamed for the collision, both motormen claiming that he had signalled to them the right-of-way.

IOWA JOINT RATE HEARING

Railroad Men and Shippers Meet With Commission at Des Moines.

Des Moines, May 23.—At the opening of the hearings of the railroad commission on the joint rate schedule there were about thirty-five representatives of the railroads present and as many shippers. James C. Davis, speaking for the railroads, urged the commission not to put in a blanket rate, claiming that it was impractical. The shippers, in addressing the commission, urged a blanket rate.

Burnham Resigns as President. New York, May 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, indicted for grand larceny and forgery, tendered his resignation as president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance society at a meeting of the board of directors. The resignation was accepted and Archibald C. Hynes was elected to succeed Burnham. George D. Eldridge tendered his resignation as vice president, actuary and member of the board of directors. His resignation as vice president was accepted, but he remains actuary and a member of the board.

FIELDS GET GOOD DRINK

THIRTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS OF AN INCH FELL.

RAIN GENERAL IN NORTHWEST

The Water Began to Fall Shortly After Sunrise and Continued Steadily Little Time—More Rain Expected.

Thirsty fields over northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota were given a welcome drink shortly after sunrise. The rain was general over the entire territory west of the Missouri river in northern Nebraska and the Rosebud reservation.

The rain came down steadily and soaked into the dry ground. Farmers were happy, because rain was needed, though there was nothing serious about the situation. Thirty-one one-hundredths of an inch of rain fell.

The weather forecast is for showers tonight and Friday.

DOWNPOUR IN NEBRASKA

Rain is General Over Eastern Half of the State.

Lincoln, May 23.—A heavy rain fell in Lincoln and southeast Nebraska. According to Burlington railroad reports it was general for the eastern half of the state. It was heavy as far northwest as Ravenna, with a fall of an inch at Grand Island. On the Denver line there was a heavy fall as far west as Orleans and Holdrege and light showers prevailed at Oxford and McCook. Along the Blue river in Seward, York and Hamilton counties the storm amounted to a downpour. Three inches fell at Utica. At Seward the Burlington tracks are partly covered with water. Wind did some damage at Rife.

HURRICANE AND TIDAL WAVE.

Report that Two Hundred Lives Were Lost in Caroline Islands.

London, May 23.—A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says a report has reached there that a hurricane and tidal wave swept over the Caroline Islands. Immense damage was done to property and 200 persons are reported killed.

Boilermakers Want Stronger Laws.

Cleveland, May 23.—The Master Steam Boilermakers' association and the International Railway Boilermakers' union, which were yesterday merged, decided to appeal to the United States government and state legislatures to pass stronger laws on steam boiler inspection.

Pat Crowe Gets Acquittal.

Council Bluffs, May 23.—That Pat Crowe was not one of the two bandits who held up and robbed the crews of two motor trains at the east end of the bridge on the night of Sunday, July 2, 1905, was the verdict of the jury in the district court.

Fined Two Hundred Dollars Each.

Des Moines, May 23.—John F. Wheatly and George H. Wittich of Keokuk, who were indicted in the federal court for running a lottery, pleaded guilty in court and were sentenced to a fine of \$200.

Waters-Pierce Ejection Case.

Austin, Tex., May 23.—The reading of depositions of witnesses consumed the entire day in the ejection case of the state of Texas vs. the Waters-Pierce Oil company. The state made vigorous efforts to enforce a new law requiring corporations to show all their books or forfeit their franchise rights. This contention was opposed by the defense attorney, who explained that the demands of the plaintiff would result in a special freight train to carry the documents.

Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

Pittsburg, May 23.—An evangelistic conference was held by the delegates attending the general synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church. Several reports of a routine nature were acted upon and the Rev. Thomas McCall of Nova Scotia was elected moderator. The synod will adjourn May 28.

Outbreak in Salvador.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 23.—Passengers who arrived here from La Union, Salvador, declare that a strong revolutionary movement has begun in that republic. The leaders are Prudencio Alfaro and General Barahona. Troops were being sent into the interior when the passengers left La Union.

Explosion in Mott Street.

New York, May 23.—A terrific explosion in crowded Mott street seriously injured eight Italian children, three of them possibly fatally. For a time a condition verging upon panic prevailed in the neighborhood. Residents of the neighborhood believe the act due to the so-called Black Hand society.

Ptomaine Poison in Berries.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 23.—Miss Elsie Maddux died here as a result of ptomaine poisoning. At a party several weeks ago Miss Maddux ate a dish of strawberries, which made her ill. Physicians say the berries had been picked green and that poisonous chemicals had been used to ripen them.

Crops Are Improving. Des Moines, May 23.—In the weekly bulletin on the condition of the crops, John H. Sage of the crop and weather bureau says that on the whole the conditions over the state are improving and that farm operations are as far advanced as usual at this time of the year. The temperature was 3 to 5 degrees below normal and the precipitation was light. About 80 to 90 per cent of the corn is now planted.

Thomas W. Harvey on Trial. Pittsburg, May 23.—Thomas W. Harvey, former paying teller of the Enterprise National bank of Allegheny, which failed two years ago for over \$1,000,000, was placed on trial in the United States district court. Harvey is charged with making false entries, abstracting funds, aiding T. Lee Clark, the cashier, who committed suicide, to misapply funds.

Tribute to Conger.

Des Moines, May 23.—Expressing the sympathy of the state of Iowa a floral design was ordered by telegraph at Los Angeles for the funeral of ex-Minister Conger. Arrangements were made for a design six feet long by three feet wide, with the word "Iowa" in the center. A subscription was taken to raise the money necessary and this was quickly done.

LIQUOR FIGHT IS SETTLED

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY IN DORSES ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

SAFE AND SANE ORGANIZATION

Permanent Committee on Temperance Must Shun Politics—Crowded Gallery Hears Exciting Debate or Question at Columbus.

Columbus, O., May 23.—Following two hours of exciting debate, which at times became acrimonious, the Presbyterian general assembly adopted without a dissenting vote resolutions declaring that the permanent committee on temperance should not embark upon or interfere in political work and endorsing the American Anti-Saloon league as a "safe, sane and effective organization in the advancement of temperance." The assembly pledged to the league the fullest cooperation consistent with the constitution of the church.

In anticipation of a momentous fight on the temperance question, every commissioner was in his seat and the gallery of memorial hall was filled with spectators when the assembly called for the reports of the committee on church polity and temperance. It became evident almost at the outset that a majority of the commissioners were bent upon settling the controversy with the Anti-Saloon league. A program which sought to defer action had been mapped out by the committee on temperance, but the assembly temporarily put this aside, taking up the report of the committee on temperance, which had been directed by the assembly to define the duties of the permanent committee on temperance, and adopted the resolutions as outlined. The report of the church polity was presented by Rev. Fulton of Philadelphia. An overture from the synod of Indian territory, asking the assembly for a deliverance on the subject of how the church might secure representation in non-ecclesiastical temperance organizations, had been referred to this committee. It reported a resolution that, while commending the achievements of the Anti-Saloon league, Women's Christian Temperance union and like societies, the assembly reaffirms the policy of the church to avoid official representation in non-ecclesiastical bodies, but raises no objection to its members or ministers connecting themselves with such societies as individuals.

Rev. E. O. Whitewells of Oklahoma City immediately took the floor in opposition to the report and made an impassioned plea in behalf of the work which he has been doing in connection with the Anti-Saloon league towards securing a provision for prohibition in the constitution of Oklahoma. He declared that he had been threatened by the brewery interests, who had told him that when the Presbyterian general assembly met he would be "called off his perch." When threats had failed, he said, an effort had been made to buy him off with contributions to his church. He pleaded with the assembly not to put a burning torch in the hands of the brewery interests.

The first part of the report, adverse to the abandonment of the Inter-Church Temperance Federation, was adopted, but the second part, deferring the definition of the duties of the committee on temperance, raised a storm of protests. Rev. Dr. Semple declared there would be no further delay, that the question at issue would be decided now. Shouts of approval greeted this declaration.

At this point Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio State university, came forward with the substitute resolution, barring the permanent temperance committees from any participation in political affairs, and which was subsequently adopted. In reply to questions, he said he would not object to an endorsement of the Anti-Saloon league, and Rev. Dr. Semple thereupon offered an amendment endorsing the league.

General Christmas Arrives. Mobile, Ala., May 23.—General Lee Christmas arrived here from Honduras on the steamer Espana. He is going to New Orleans for treatment, having been badly wounded in the leg during the recent war. Asked if his going to New Orleans signified a meeting with Bonilla and plans to reopen hostilities, General Christmas said that he did not know Bonilla was in America.

LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE

OPENING TAKES PLACE WITH NOTABLE ADDRESSES.

ARBITRATION GAINS IN POWER

Coming Hague Conference the Topic at Second Session—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York Elected President.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., May 23.—The second session of the Mohonk conference on international arbitration had as its main topic: "The Coming Hague Conference."

The first speaker was former Ambassador to Germany Andrew D. White. He was followed by Chief Justice Simeon E. Baldwin of the supreme court of Connecticut. Bartlett Tripp of South Dakota, former ambassador to Austria, said that he spoke as a layman, rather than as an authority like those who had preceded. The last speaker was John J. Barrett, director of the international bureau of American republics, who discussed pan-American interests in international arbitration.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York; secretary to the conference, Clinton H. Woodruff of Philadelphia; permanent corresponding secretary, H. C. Phillips of Mohonk Lake; treasurer, Alexander C. Wood of Camden, N. J.

President Butler of Columbia university, in his address at the opening, advocated that the question of disarmament be avoided at this conference, but that the restriction of further growth of great armies and navies be urged.

WRECKERS DITCH FAST TRAIN

Two Persons Killed and Score Injured Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 23.—Private detectives employed by the Southern Pacific and deputies from the sheriff's office in this city joined in the search for the men who are believed to have caused the disastrous wreck on the Coast line when five cars of the limited plunged over the edge of a trestle near West Glendale, ten miles north of this city. The list of dead is believed to be complete with the finding of the bodies of James Victor and T. J. McMahon, a Santa Barbara electrician, who was crushed beneath the baggage car while stealing a ride. Victor is believed to have met death under the same conditions. The injured number a score.

Physicians in charge of the dozen or more persons who sustained serious injuries report that all the injured will eventually recover.

Cramer Jury Disagrees.

Fargo, N. D., May 23.—After being out more than ninety-four hours, the jury which has been trying Mrs. Laura Cramer, charged with ordering her son, a mere boy, to shoot and kill her husband, Fred Cramer, at Fargo, N. D., Feb. 14 last, disagreed. Two other juries have disagreed while considering the case. The case will be retried at the next term of court. The cause of the shooting was a family quarrel. The boy had been previously acquitted.

Catherine Neil Sentenced.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 23.—Catherine Neil, an artist's model and chorus girl of New York city, pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter in the killing of her husband, Joseph Neil, a blacksmith and pugilist, in Greenwich, Dec. 14, at a special session of the criminal court. Judge Wheeler imposed upon her an indeterminate sentence of not more than nine and not less than five years in state prison.

Wreck on Chesapeake and Ohio.

Cincinnati, May 23.—Two persons were dangerously injured and twenty others slightly hurt when the Chesapeake and Ohio flyer was wrecked at Lawrence Creek, Ky., the sleeper being thrown into the ditch by the buckling of the track. The dangerously injured are: Iron Kelly, Ashland, Ky.; Mrs. Van Rigo, Pikeville, Ky.

Baptist Convention at Jamestown.

Norfolk, Va., May 23.—The first day's session of the North American Baptist convention, held at the Jamestown exposition, revealed a strong sentiment against a religious consolidation of the southern, northern and national conventions, the latter being the negro church. But a general consolidation for concerted work is favored. There are 5,000 persons attending the convention.

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THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours.

Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

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| Maximum | 89 |
| Minimum | 53 |
| Average | 71 |
| Barometer | 29.80 |
| Rainfall | .31 |

Chicago, May 23.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Probably showers tonight and Friday.

BASEBALL RESULTS

American League—Detroit, 6; Philadelphia, 5 (11 innings). Cleveland, 3; Washington, 2.
National League—New York, 7; Chicago, 1. Brooklyn, 2; Cincinnati, 1. Philadelphia, 7; Pittsburgh, 4; Boston, 2; St. Louis, 10.
American Association—St. Paul, 8; Kansas City, 5. Indianapolis, 6; Louisville, 4. Columbus, 6; Toledo, 5.
Western League—Omaha, 0; Des Moines, 3. Denver, 4; Sioux City, 7. Pueblo, 6; Lincoln, 7 (10 innings).

Monroe Beats Lindsay.

Lindsay, Neb., May 23.—Special to The News: The Lindsay baseball team played at Monroe yesterday, losing by a score of 8 to 3. Up to the eighth inning no scores were made.

SCOUR COUNTY FOR MEN

Sheriff Rounds Up Majority of Jury Venire for Haywood Trial.

Boise, Ida., May 23.—By the use of train, stage and horse and some active hustling, Sheriff Shad Hodgkin and his deputies managed to round up a majority of the fifty men men included in the special venire in the Steunenberg murder case and they are all expected to be on hand when the trial is resumed this afternoon. It has been decided that James H. Hawley, senior counsel for the state, will make the opening statement. He and his associates were in conference on the subject and they also spent some time considering the testimony to be offered next week and the order in which it will be offered.

It has not been decided by the state to call Steve Adams as a witness. He is on the list of the state's witnesses and it was for a time certain that he would be brought here and, willing or unwilling, be placed on the stand, but now the matter is in doubt and will not be determined until later.

SELECTING JURY TO TRY SCHMITZ

Judge Dunne Issues New Venire of Twenty Talesmen.

San Francisco, May 23.—Three of the first twelve probationary jurors for the trial, subject to peremptory challenge, of Mayor Eugene Schmitz on the charge of extorting money from local French restaurant keepers, with the connivance and help of Abraham Ruef were chosen. The list of the remaining talesmen being practically exhausted, Judge Dunne issued a new venire of twenty. The scene of the trial will be removed to the Bush Street synagogue. Telegraph and telephone wires have been run into the building, and some of the newspaper reports of the trial will be sent direct from the vestry room, which has been set aside for the use of Judge Dunne as chambers. It is thought that the trial will last about six weeks.

President Back in Capital.

Washington, May 23.—The president and Mrs. Roosevelt, who have been enjoying a six days' vacation at Pine Knot, the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived in this city last night. Archie Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary Latta and Secret Service Officer Sloan were also in the party. The trip was made without special incident.

Denver Strike Called Off.

Denver, May 23.—A conference resulted in calling off the millmen and woodworkers' strike. The strikers are given an increase of 10 per cent in wages, with a minimum of 38 cents per hour. A nine hour day is also agreed to. The carpenters, who went out in sympathy, returned to work with the millmen.

Nine Prisoners Escape.

Toledo, O., May 23.—Nine prisoners at the workhouse here are reported to have overpowered the guards at the brick machine, broke through the fence and escaped. A searching party has started after the men.

Shot in Back and Robbed.

Portland, Mich., May 23.—Edward Manning, proprietor of a restaurant here, was murdered while on his way home. He was shot in the back. A large sack of silver which he usually carried is missing.

Evidence Against Negro Soldiers.

Washington, May 22.—Pauline S. Preciado, editor of a Mexican newspaper in Brownsville, Tex., and an eyewitness to the shooting of Frank Natous, the only man killed in the affray there, was on the stand before the senate committee on military affairs. His testimony proved to be the most important heard during the present hearing. He swore positively that the men who did the shooting were negro soldiers.